ROBs and RUBs in Andhra Pradesh

1382. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made on the Railway Over Bridges (ROBs)/Railway under-bridges (RUBs) proposed to his Ministry by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in the Railway Budget 2008-09; and

(b) the time likely to be taken to complete all these ROBs/RUBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) In all 24 proposals of ROBs/RUBs (Road over/under Bridges) were received from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for inclusion in the Railway Budget. Out of these 18 works were included in the Railway Budget of 2008-09 the remaining 6 proposals were not qualifying for sanction on cost sharing basis as the level crossings involved were having traffic density of less than one lakh TVUs (TVU – A unit obtained by multiplying the number of trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing within twenty four hours).

(b) The works will be completed within 2-3 years after the General Arrangement Drawings are finalized and funds remain available. Railways construct bridge proper (across tracks) and approaches are constructed by State Govt.

Modernization of CST station

†1383. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating about expansion and modernization of Chhatrapatti Shivaji Railway Station of Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to develop Chhatraparti Shivaji Terminal, Mumbai as World Class Station through PPP mode by leveraging the real estate potential of land around the station. Appointment of Architect and Technical Consultant for the work has been taken up.

(c) Does not arise.

Railway projects of NF Railway

1384. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the sectoral progress made and target set to complete the gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkangselek section of NF Railway indicating annual allocation and targeted achievement during the current financial year;

(b) the reason for inordinate delay in execution of this sanctioned work;

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